

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1132

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NEW CATEGORY OF ACCOMMODATION FOR HAJIS .

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Haj Committee has carved out a new category of accommodation to its existing four categories for Hajis from India which will result in saving of Rs. 10,000 for every Haji from India;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard;
- (c) The details of fee collected by the Government from each category for Haj 2006-II;
- (d) The details of quota of pilgrims allotted for Andhra Pradesh in Haj-I, which was performed in January this year, and for Haj-II to be commenced in December this year;
- (e) Whether the said quota is likely to be increased;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

- (a) & (b) A new category 'Sheesha' is being introduced at a rent of Saudi Riyal 1650/- per pilgrim for Haj 2006-II. Categories I, II, III and 'Azizia' are being rented @SR 2,700/-, SR 2200/- SR 1650/- and SR 1050/- per pilgrim respectively for Haj 2006-II.
- (c) No fee is collected by the Government.
- (d) Quota for Andhra Pradesh for Haj 2006-I was 6,385 pilgrims. Quota for Andhra Pradesh for Haj 2006-II is 6,806 pilgrims.
- (e) No.
- (f) Does not arise.
- (g) The Central Haj Committee quota of 100,000 pilgrims has already been fully distributed to various States by the Haj Committee of India on the basis of Muslim population in each State.